

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

SELECT BOARD SESSION

August 7, 2012

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley, David Ward

Others Present: Jane Ellis, Glen Roberts, Jack Seamans, John Lulek, William Humphries, Peter Hathaway, Rod Holzworth, II, Suzanne Dechame, Joe Laramie, Ken Jones, Allen Bowen, Caroline Laramie, Robert Worthen, Ray Bunker, Debi Bailey, Charlotte Capron, Mary McNeil, Rebecca Hougher, Lorraine Brown, Dani Roberts, Janet Currie, Judy Reed, Sharon Mallette, Bob Richards, Joe Matt, Larry Hughes, Neil Robinson, Lucia Suarez, Ivan Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christopher Cole called the August 7, 2012 of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Langlois moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2012 Select Board meeting. Second by Select Stanley. Corrections: page 1, paragraph on State Police, line 2, omit the word "temporary", line 6 add the word "approximately"; page 2--correct the date of Hathaway's resignation to July 13, 2012. As corrected all voted to approve.

Select Langlois moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 Special Select Board Meeting. Second by Select Ward. All voted aye.

Select Langlois moved to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2012 Special Session of the Select Board. Second by Select Ward. Correction: Information on the River Street project bids needs to be added as follows: Chestnut--\$88,678; Fabian--\$66,850; Markowski--\$69,810; Belden--\$70,533.22 As corrected the minutes were approved.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Charlotte Capron spoke about the income from cemetery investments. It is divided annually between West Street Cemetery, Cedar Grove Cemetery and the Fair Haven Library. She asked if that cemetery income could be available to the cemeteries. This fall she says there will be two volunteer days for work in the cemeteries. The Board advised her at the next meeting they will try to give her an answer on money available.

Lorraine Brown spoke to express disappointment over the fact there were no members of the Select Board at the recent "night out" observance in the park.

John Lulek reported he has information for the "Welcome to Fair Haven" signs. The Chair asked his to get price information.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

More than 10 people made comments in this section of the Select Board meeting. All were regarding Town Manager Peter Hathaway's impending departure. Town Clerk Suzanne Dechame began with the simple question, "Can the Board and the Town Manager come to an agreement?" Bob Worthen followed with questions and observations based on a large segment of the community that also wished for the Board and the Town Manager to come to an agreement. Others reinforced his questions. At the outset, attention was directed to pages of a petition containing 250 signatures. Eventually Board Members were asked if they would resend their vote to search for a town manager. Each answered "no".

(A five-minute break was given at 8:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:34 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Department Chief David Ward and Police Chief William Humphries each reported things were quiet in their Departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition from Fair Haven residents: See Public Comment.

Correction to Grand List: Select Sheldon moved to approve the Grand List as presented. Second by Select Stanley (Note: This adds \$40,000 to the Grand List.) All voted aye.

Bond Anticipation note: Select Langlois moved to approve the \$167,000 Bond Anticipation note with Peoples United Bank for the River Street Pump Station. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Award bids for paving: (Bids were opened at the last meeting and reviewed prior to this meeting.) Select Langlois moved to award the bid for paving of Liberty St., Scotch Hill, and Willard Street to FWW Construction (Frank W. Whitcomb) for \$77,070 Second by Select Sheldon. All voted aye. Select Stanley moved to award the bid for 650 ft. of new base and topcoat on River Street to Fabian for \$66,850 Second by Select Langlois All voted aye.

Health Ins. Addendum Select Langlois moved to approve the Health Insurance addendum as corrected and authorizes the Chair to sign the addendum. Second by Select Ward. All voted aye.

ROUND TABLE

Nothing to note.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance reports were given to Board members for their review. The checkbook balance is \$476,897.20

SIGNING OF WARRANTS

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Select Stanley moved to sign the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$30,958.62; General Fund--\$271,596.77 Second by Select Ward. All voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Stanley moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Second by Select Ward. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wilma B. DeSpain
Stanley, Clerk**

Claire

Claire L. Stanley